# DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS FOR A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT

**AGENCY:** Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

CONTRACT NO.: CW76861

**CAPTION:** Information Technology Consultant related to JSAT Development

Continuation

**CONTRACTOR:** Mindcubed, LLC

#### **FINDINGS**

## 1. **AUTHORIZATION:**

D.C. Official Code §2-354.04, 27 DCMR 1304, 1700 and 1701

### 2. MINIMUM NEED:

The District of Columbia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) wishes to enter into a contractual arrangement with Mindcubed, LLC so they can continue providing services related to the development of the DC Justice Statistical Analysis Tool (JSAT).

# 3. ESTIMATED FAIR AND REASONABLE PRICE:

The estimated fair and reasonable price of the contract is not to exceed \$800,000.00 (Base year: \$400,000; Option Year 1: \$200,000.00; Option year 2: \$200,000.00)

### 4. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

Mindcubed is an SBE certified information and technology software and services company headquartered in the District of Columbia. They excel at delivering creative solutions quickly and cost effectively in the areas of Big Data Analytics, Mobile Apps Development, Agile System Engineering, and Cybersecurity. They have developed an Enterprise Big Data Software Platform – GRID<sup>TM</sup> for Agile Analytics and Compliance. The GRID<sup>TM</sup> provides a unique combination of agile analytics, business compliance, and statistical simulation capabilities that enables organizations to understand trends, predict outcomes, and make data-driven decisions. Furthermore, Mindcubed has a history of working with the District and partnering agencies in creating plans that leverage the current data available to the District systems and other data sources in order to develop processes that allow for the query and analyzation of data pools. Since 2016 Mindcubed has been working with CJCC and partnering agencies on the development of the JSAT platform.

In addition to the development of its GRID<sup>TM</sup> technology, Mindcubed has worked closely with the District and partnering agencies through federal and grant funds to create the CJCC JSAT platform, using its patented GRID<sup>TM</sup> technology software, which was configured to meet the CJCC's system requirements. Mindcubed retains the ownership,

trademark, and all pending and current patents in its GRID<sup>TM</sup> technology and software features which are essential in this engagement to continue the development and enhancements of the JSAT platform. JSAT was created to provide CJCC and its partners and the public with an overview of the justice system statistics and information. JSAT has two components: (1) the DC JSAT Enterprise Portal for CJCC partner agencies and (2) the DC JSAT Public Portal for the general public. Both portals allow users to view and interact with available criminal justice data using filters such as geographic information (ward and neighborhood information) and demographic information (race, age group and gender). It was designed for public entities to learn about justice system activity within the District as a whole, or their respective wards or neighborhoods. Information made available on the DC JSAT Public Portal is the result of a collaborative effort of the District's federal and local justice system agencies. Both portals were configured and deployed utilizing Mindcubed's proprietary GRID<sup>TM</sup> software as its underlining technology. As such, Mindcubed is the only entity that can provide the software and associated technical support needed for the continued use and functionality of the JSAT platform, likewise, they are the only firm authorized to implement any changes or updates to the platform necessary to meet the ongoing and future needs of the agency for enhancements or the deployment of new technology capabilities.

It is critical and imperative that we maintain the business partnership with Mindcubed as their patented technology not only fosters the JSAT program platform, but it also cultivates its companion platform, the Justice Information System (JUSTIS), which is a web-based system that provides equally critical information that allows local and federal criminal justice agencies in the District to share information related to arrests, case status, incarcerations, and releases in a secure environment via a common user interface.

Mindcubed services are an integral part of the JSAT program and they have been heavily engaged in this federally and grant funded project since 2016; they are the only source of the technology and combined expertise and background who can timely provide the required services. The agency would like to continue JSAT's development during FY 2020 through FY 2022 by awarding additional federal and grant funds to Mindcubed to further develop the system and ensure that it is compliant with the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (FISMA).

For the above stated reasons, it is in the District's best interest to award the sole source contract to Mindcubed, as the services are the natural continued progression for the project and a logical follow on to the services provided by the contractor.

# **CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACT SPECIALIST:** I hereby certify that the above findings are correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Date Edrica Taylor Contract Specialist **DETERMINATION** Based on the above findings, it is determined that the Contractor is in compliance with the above referenced sections and is thus determined to be responsible. Date Todd Allen Contracting Office **CERTIFICATION BY CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER:** Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive bidding process under either Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practice Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-37; D.C. Official Code §2-354.02 or 2-354.03). Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the sole source method of procurement, and that this determination and finding has fulfilled the 10 day notice requirement in Section 1304.1

George A. Schutter III

Chief Procurement Officer for the Office

of Contracting and Procurement

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Date